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1. WE ASSUME, AS DO GOB OOFFICIALS, THAT USG NOW PREPARING PLANS FOR LONG-TERM PROGRAM FOR TIN SALES. WE ADVOCATED IN REFTELS THAT A CUT-OFF PRICE LEVEL ACCOMPANY ANY MAJOR SALES PROGRAM. A VARIATION MIGHT BE TO GEAR REDUCTIONS IN SALES TO A PERCENTAGE DROP IN THE PRICE. THE SCALE COULD BE FLEXIBLE AND CONFIDENTIAL. THIS MIGHT ALSO BE COMBINED WITH A CUT-OFF PRICE FOR MAJOR SALES, WHILE STILL OFFERING SMALL AMOUNTS. WE SUBSCRIBE TO THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE GSA IN THE MARKET, BUT SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SOME SUCH IDEA AS THE FOREGOING IN CURRENT PLANNING. WE SEE THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES: (A) IT WOULD BETTER FIT THE LANGUAGE OF OUR OWN LEGISLATION WHICH REQUIRES THAT SALES SHOULD BE HANDLED SO AS TO PROTECT AGAINST "AVOIDABLE DISRUPTION" OF USUAL MARKETS, (B) ASSURANCES OF THE EXISTENCE OF A MECHANISM WITHOUT REVELAING ITS SPECIFICS MIGHT PROVIDE SOME CERTAINTY IN THE CLOUD OF UNCERTAINTIES THAT LDC S MUST FACE AND THEREBY IMPROVE PLANNING FOR BETTER ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE MINING INDUSTRY AND FOR ENTIRE NATIONAL ECONOMIES, (C) IT MIGHT REDUCE THE CONTINUING CRITICISM OF THE GSA SALES PROGRAM

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BY BOLIVIA.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PRICES HAVE REMAINED HIGH DURING CURRENT
GSA SALES PROGRAM. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE CLEARER
INDICATIONS THAT OUR SALES POLICY TAKES ACCOUNT OF PRICE TRENDS,
SINCE A DOWNTURN IN PRICES WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO ACCUSATIONS
THAT OUR SALES WERE RESPONSIBLE.
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